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In the Continuation Sheet attachment to the Advisory Action, the reasons given in explanation of the determination that "new issues" have been raised are the following:

- Claim 73 was substantially amended and now requires fibers of the core to be selected from specific material; and
- Claim 74 requires the composite layers to have specific modulus in longitudinal traction.

Applicants respectfully disagree that new issues have been raised by the amendments to either of claims 73 and 74.

First, independent claim 73 was amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of former claim 25, which had depended directly from claim 73. That is, *claim 25 had previously required fibers of the core to be selected from specific material.* The specific material, then, has not been newly added by Applicants' amendment of August 23rd. Accordingly, no new issue has been raised by the amendment made to claim 73.

Second, claim 74 requiring "the composite layers to have specific modulus in longitudinal traction," stated in the Continuation Sheet, had been recited in claim 74 *prior to Applicants' amendment* to the final Office action (*i.e.*, see claim 74, line 8).

That is, in the subparagraph in lines 12-15 of claim 74, Applicants had previously referred to "the two fiber-reinforced composite layers having a mechanical strength greater than the predeterminate magnitude of the mechanical strength of the fibers of said core" (which is given as "less than or equal to 50,000 Mpa" in lines 7-8); in the amendment, in place of the "the predeterminate magnitude of the mechanical strength of the fibers of said core" in lines 13-14, Applicants added the 50,000 Mpa value that had appeared (and still appears) in line 8.

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Because no new issues are raised in the amendments made to claims 73 and 74, Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the non-entry of the amendment filed on August 23, 2005 and, therefore, request that such amendment be entered.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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